GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:171
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2006
ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR MINING
Oram Shri Jual

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of mining projects are pending for environmental clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and current year, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which clearance is likely to be granted?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a), (b) & (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 171 DUE FOR ANSWER ON MONDAY, THE 4TH DECEMBER, 2006 REGARDING 'ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR MINING' BY SHRI JUAL ORAM.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State-wise break-up of the pending 372 mining proposals as on 31.10.2006 for environmental clearance is given in the table hereunder:-

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of Projects Pending
1	Andhra Pradesh	15
2	Chhattisgarh	14
3	Goa	33
4	Gujarat	31
5	Himachal Pradesh	1
6	Jharkhand	17
7	Karnataka	77
8	Madhya Pradesh	12
9	Maharashtra	25
10	Meghalaya	2
11	Orissa	23
12	Rajasthan	117
13	Tamil Nadu	2
14	Uttaranchal	1
15	West Bengal	2
	Total	372

(c) The completed proposals would need to be considered by the Expert Committee for obtaining their recommendation on the same in accordance with the prescribed procedure before taking a decision for grant of environmental clearance or otherwise. In order to speed up clearance of the pending proposals, Ministry of Environment & Forests has constituted an additional Expert Committee for environmental appraisal of mining projects on 23rd August, 2006. The Committee has since held 3 meetings.